

Fact Sheet

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Assisted Living Facility Quality Measures Work Group

Overview	<p>During the 2018 Legislative session, Engrossed House Bill 2750 passed. Section 3 of this bill adds a new section to chapter 18.20 RCW, which relates to quality in Washington State's Assisted Living Facilities (ALFs).</p> <p>This new section, RCW 18.20.510 Work group-Quality metrics, requires that the Washington State Department of Social and Health Services (DSHS) facilitate a work group process to recommend quality metrics for ALFs.</p> <p>The work group must include representatives from:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• DSHS,• assisted living provider associations,• the long-term care ombuds,• organizations with expertise in serving persons with mental health needs in an institutional setting,• organizations with expertise in serving persons with developmental disability needs in an institutional setting,• organizations with expertise in serving culturally diverse and non-English speaking persons in institutional settings,• health care professionals with experience caring for diverse and non-English speaking patients,• licensed health care professionals with experience caring for geriatric patients, and• an Alzheimer's advocacy organization. <p>Monthly work group meetings began in October 2018. The bill requires that at least one meeting must review and analyze other states with quality metric methodologies for ALFs and how well each state is achieving quality care outcomes.</p>
Legislation	Engrossed House Bill 2750 , Section 3 adds a new section to chapter 18.20 RCW Assisted Living Facilities , which relates to quality in Washington State's ALFs and requires that DSHS facilitates a work group process to recommend quality metrics for ALFs.
Authority	Chapter 18.20.510-RCW-Work group-Quality metrics
Budget	N/A

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Partners	AARP Washington Alzheimer's Association Washington State Chapter Argentum Asian Counseling and Referral Service Behavioral Health Ombuds Service for King County CRH Northwest Harborview Mental Health and Addiction Services/Geriatric Psychiatry Service LeadingAge Washington Merrill Gardens National Alliance On Mental Illness Washington Office of Developmental Disabilities Ombuds Sea Mar Community Health Centers Transforming Age Washington Health Care Association Washington State Long-Term Care Ombuds
Deliverables and Timeline	<p>Activities the work group must complete include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Submission of an initial report to the Legislature by September 1, 2019. • Submission of a final report to the Legislature by September 1, 2020, to include a dissent report if agreement is not achieved among stakeholders and the Department. <p>The final report must include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ a recommendation for a quality metrics system, ○ a proposed process for monitoring and tracking performance, and ○ a process to inform consumers. <p>In addressing data metrics the work group must consider whether the data that must be reported reflect and promote quality of care and whether reporting the data is unnecessarily burdensome upon assisted living facilities. The department must keep a public record of comments submitted by stakeholders throughout the work group process.</p>
Resources:	Assisted Living Quality Measures Project website

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